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SUBJECT: IRAN FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: TRADING CAR PARTS FOR
ASPHALT

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(C) Indonesia's leading car parts manufacturer PT Astra Otoparts supplies automobile parts to companies in Iran in exchange for asphalt to get around financial sanctions according to company director Eko Haryanto. Haryanto told us that this trade was originally conducted in U.S. dollars. After the U.S. imposed restrictions on the Iranian state-owned Bank Saderat and other banks, Astra began denominating its contracts with Iranian importers in euro. Once European countries began imposing their own sanctions, Astra decided to switch to barter trade. Haryanto said that Indonesia cannot meet its own domestic asphalt needs, making imports essential. Haryanto added that Iranian business people he knows are very critical of Iranian President Ahmadinejad.
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